Interview Summary

An interview was conducted via telephone at request of attorney Mark Davis. Mr. Davis wished to discuss two particular pieces of prior art, Svenvig '480 and Steininger '915. Mr. Davis focused on the question of whether or not the caster of Svenvig '480 is rotatable around a vertical axis. Mr. Davis suggested the caster does not rotate around such an axis because of the text in lines 64-70 which suggests the structure is held together as a complete article. Examiner Sullivan contested that the existence of roller bearing in fig. 3 does suggest that rotation is at least possible around the vertical axis. Agreement was not reached regarding the prior art. Mr. Davis further suggested that Steininger '915 may be non-analagous art regarding the snap fit characteristics of the applicant's device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MATTHEW SULLIVAN whose telephone number is (571)270-5218. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Victor D. Batson can be reached on 571-272-6987. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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